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Student meshes modern design with Islamic culture

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Long before megabrands like Nike and Uniqlo launched hijab and abaya lines, Shahad Mahdi knew it was cool to rock Muslim apparel.

But the fourth-year business management student at Ryerson University was always troubled by negative representation of Muslim people, especially with ever-growing Islamophobic views from some politicians and extremist groups.

"When you watch the news that has to do with Muslims and the Middle East, all you see is yelling and violence, and I don't think that's who we really are," she said, noting some people just associate any Muslim with terrorism.

She's out to change that perception, one fashion design at a time.

Black Orchid, a pop culture brand she launched a year ago with the help of Ryerson Fashion Zone, makes and sells clothing and accessories combining modern design and Islamic culture.

Through an online portal, people can purchase different tops as well as pouches, chains and phone cases, all featuring stylish and colourful illustrations of modern Muslim women. She named her brand after a black orchid flower found in the Middle East.

Shahad Mahdi, the owner of Black Orchid, a clothing and accessories line depicting the modern Muslim woman. EDUARDO LIMA/METRO

With her images of progressive Muslim women, Mahdi hopes to create a new narrative showing them as strong, creative and capable of being "fashionable and cool." She's received positive feedback, and is thinking of adding more products and expanding.

> **All I wanted to do was focus on the positive and show our true colours.**
> Shahad Mahdi

"All I wanted to do was focus on the positive and show our true colours, show that we can do cute stuff too," she said.

POLITICS

Elevator bill praised by both sides of aisle

A private member's bill that aims to tackle the major problem of unreliable elevators appears to have gained some traction on both sides of the aisle as the proposed Ontario legislation heads toward its first debate.

Both Consumer Services Minister Tracy MacCharles and Opposition Leader Patrick Brown praised the initiative.

"It's important to Ontarians that elevators are in good repair so that people don't get stranded, particularly seniors," MacCharles said. "This makes great sense. I'm very supportive of it."

The bill by Liberal government backbencher Han Dong, introduced last week and slated for debate April 13, has two main sections: One aims to set time limits for getting broken elevators back in service — 14 days for most buildings, seven for retirement homes and long-term-care facilities — and involves changes to the Consumer Protection Act.

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EDUCATION

Parents, groups call for dismissal of director

Parents and community members are urging the Ministry of Education to push for sweeping change within the troubled York Region District School Board, including the dismissal of its director of education and hiring a public ombudsman to deal with complaints.

The recommendations come as ministry investigators wrap of their investigation of the scandal-plagued board. Ministry troubleshooters Patrick Case and Sue Herbert have conducted more than 75 interviews involving about 125 people, including parents, community members, students, current and former staff, unions, professional associations and trustees, according to a ministry spokeswoman. An additional 200 individuals and groups have reached out through email.

A list of seven recommendations on behalf of parents and community groups was sent to Case and Herbert on Friday, two weeks before they are to complete the investigation, as a follow-up to numerous meetings that have taken place over the past two months.

"We hope that the input of parents and community members is valuable to you as you draft recommendations that will serve to assist the board in improving current practices and ensuring a safe and equitable environment for all students and stakeholders," wrote Ihsaan Gardee, executive director of the National Council of Canadian Muslims.

Gardee sent the letter on behalf of parents and community groups such as the Markham Tamil Community Association, the Mosaic Institute and the Vaughan African Canadian Association, among others.

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Bill Steele, of Oshawa, has bought a 15-cell New Brunswick jail and plans to retire there.

Urban farming goes sky high

AGRICULTURE

Plant Condos plans 10-storey development for 2018

May Warren
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A new Toronto development is taking farm-to-table straight to the condo.

Plant Condos, a 10-storey building near Queen Street West planned for 2018, revolves around urban agriculture.

"It's really designing the units around what we've labelled the terrace-to-table concept," said Jonathan Westeinde, managing partner of Windmill Developments, which partnered with Curated Developments for the project.

"As the market's pricing most people out of having a backyard, it's trying to create the amenity of what you could do on your backyard on your balconies," he explained.

The building has rooftop gardens and large terraces.

The 75 residential units have larger balconies than typical condos and get more natural light to make gardening easier.

There's also a commercial kitchen with an indoor greenhouse for the winter months.

A rendering of the Plant Development, to be built at 41 Dovercourt Rd. CONTRIBUTED

This kind of urban agriculture-centred development is encouraging for Joe Nasr of Toronto Urban Growers.

But he says Toronto "still has a lot of catching up to do" compared to cities like Vancouver in terms of making urban agriculture easier.

Nasr said there's nothing preventing developers from taking the initiative, but the city could develop tools and guidelines or more incentives. The city's green-roof policy could also be tweaked to make it easier to incorporate food production, he added.

Ashlee Cooper, a project manager working on urban agriculture at non-profit Evergreen, said it's "critical" to make space for urban agriculture in condo and apartment buildings, especially as more people are priced out of larger single detached homes.

Urban agriculture, she said, can help forge community connections, as well as provide a sustainable source of food. It has the potential to transform older buildings, as well.

"It helps us to re-examine the towers," she said. "It's a way to really think about re-invigorating a lot of spaces."

'AGRIHOODS'

In California, 'Agrihoods' — suburban developments built around community farms — are another emerging model, the Huffington Post reports.

On Staten Island, an urban farmer was recently hired to care for an apartment building's organic mini-farm, according to the New York Post.

CONSERVATION

Volunteer caretakers keep the city green

Sarah-Joyce Battersby
Metro | Toronto

With spring in the air, some city dwellers are looking for a way to get their hands in the dirt.

For young condo dwellers, their only option is to dig in public parks — something the city encourages.

Michele and Nick Iszkula, both 27, volunteer to tend a 10-acre patch of Humber Bay Park and its butterfly habitat.

"I really missed having that outdoor space," Michele said of the couple's move to a west-end condo three years ago.

Michele grew up in Hannon, Ont. in the Niagara region, where she played in the yard and got her hands dirty. Though they are among the youngest volunteers in the group, she recommends it to others her age.

Michele and Nick Iszkula, a husband and wife team, are part of a group of young people volunteering their time to weed and tend to the city's public parks. EDUARDO LIMA/METRO

"It can be difficult to own your own home that has a backyard and property," she said. "This is my outlet to be able to do those activities without having my own backyard."

More than 100 volunteers dedicate time to tend to seven parks and green spaces across the city, including the Beechwood Wetland and the Don Valley Brick Works Park, as part of the community stewardship program.

They pull weeds, plant flowers and trees, and pick up trash to protect natural habitats.

Peg Thoen leads the Humber Bay volunteer group and has been working in the park for 15 years. As the south Etobicoke neighbourhood has evolved from a motel strip to one dominated by towers, the volunteer numbers are growing, she said.

It was once difficult to get three people out. Now she expects 15 volunteers every week.

"You can't have manicured lawns and parks and police on the street," Thoen said. "If there's a little bit I can give back to the city, that's my part."

WORST WEEDS

Top five worst weeds in Toronto parks and ravines

- **Common reed** (Phragmites australis)
- **Dog strangling vine** (Cynanchum rossicum)
- **European buckthorn** (Rhamnus cathartica)
- **Manitoba maple** (Acer negundo)
- **Norway maple** (Acer platanoides)

Toronto DIGEST

Police confirm man shot during mid-day home invasion

Toronto police are reporting that a male victim was shot during a home invasion in Toronto's Swansea neighbourhood Monday.

Police were called to the scene of the shooting, near The Queensway and Windermere Avenue, just before 4 p.m.

Const. David Hopkinson said that the male victim sustained non-life threatening injuries from the incident.

Authorities say Toronto Police Service currently has no information about the suspect.

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Man killed by falling panelling on construction site

A 40-year-old man is dead following a construction site accident Monday morning, said the Ontario Ministry of Labour.

Paneling had fallen onto the worker as it was being unloaded, and the man became trapped, Toronto Police said. Paramedics received a call just before 11:30 am on Monday about the accident.

The man was rushed to a trauma centre before being pronounced dead in hospital, the Ministry of Labour reported.

Two Ministry of Labour inspectors and one engineer have been assigned to investigate the incident.

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Lessons from housing hell

LEGISLATION

Vancouver's mayor explains their efforts to cool the market

May Warren
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Gregor Robertson knows his city is at a turning point.

Vancouver is a thriving municipality of more than 600,000 people that consistently places near the top of international quality-of-life rankings.

But the problem is hardly anyone — not even doctors and lawyers, according to a recent report from real-estate website Point2Homes.com — can afford to buy a home there anymore.

"We're in an affordability crisis that is extremely difficult and we are by necessity looking at every option," three-term mayor Robertson told Metro.

With Toronto facing many of the same challenges — housing prices are up 27.7 per cent from last year, according to the Toronto Real Estate Board — the city could learn from Vancouver, as well as other urban centres all over the world that are struggling with the same pressures, Robertson said.

He blames high property values on a "lack of regulation" from the federal and B.C. governments that led to "lots of speculation, driving up property values in Vancouver as people held properties and flipped them to make money on a booming market."

The B.C. government has since introduced a 15 per cent foreign buyer's tax in an attempt to crack down on investors outside the country, but Robertson said it's come too late for many people.

He's calling for a housing "reset" focusing on affordability and incorporating a concept called "homes first, investment second."

Cherise Burda, executive director of Ryerson University's City Building Institute (CBI), believes the approach makes sense.

"The speculation and expectation are driving up prices like it's a stock rather than a shelter where people live," said Burda.

"We cannot build our way out of a housing bubble," she added. "It's like adding another road onto a highway to solve congestion; you're just going to get more buyers."

It's too early to tell if the foreign buyer's tax has had an impact, Robertson said, but realtor Royal LePage predicts prices in the Greater Vancouver Area will drop 8.5 percent in 2017.

Vancouver is trying to make rental housing affordable for regular people. JENNIFER GAUTHIER/FOR METRO

> **We cannot build our way out of a bubble.**
> Cherise Burda

Jason Mercer, director of market analysis for the Toronto Real Estate Board, said according to a survey his organization commissioned from research firm Ipsos, foreign buyers make up a very small number (about 5 per cent) of buyers in the GTA.

Mercer said he's seen a "sustained decline" of listings and believes policies that address the lack of supply by speeding up the development process are needed.

Back on the West Coast, Vancouver is focusing on housing that's still accessible to people who aren't millionaires.

"And that's only going to be rental housing now, so we've put our attention on putting out more rental housing supply and introducing the empty homes tax," said Robertson.

The city is also trying to encourage "gentle density" by looking at ways to get more row houses, duplexes and townhouses into single-family home neighbourhoods.

Vancouver has already legalized laneway and secondary suites, and each single-family home is now seen as three units per lot.

"We're seeing some neighbourhoods emptying out because of real-estate prices," said Robertson. "We need to turn that around."

MITIGATION

Spectrum of schemes in the city

Rent to income

A recent study showed there's a huge housing gap for single people making under $50,000 and it has resulted in a new push from the city to make rent match income. Officials are discussing requiring developers to devote a certain percentage of units to people who are renting or buying at different income bands.

Short-term rental regulations

Vancouver developed proposed regulations on short-term rental sites (such as Airbnb) in 2016 in a bid to bring more long-term rental stock back on the market. Staff at the City of Toronto are working on a potential model. A report is expected back at council sometime this year.

Modular housing

Vancouver has embraced this model as a quick and cheap way to build housing for those most in need. These structures — constructed in a factory and then shipped to a site — are typically used in temporary work camps for the oil-and-gas industry. The city built a 40-unit modular building downtown in 2016, and officials have expressed enthusiasm for more.

Making city land available

The city is looking at making more public land available for developers to build affordable rental housing. Toronto is already doing this with two plots as part of its Open Door pilot program.

Check out Metro Vancouver reporter Jen St. Denis' coverage of the crisis at metronews.ca.

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Cooling measures in spring budget: Sousa

AFFORDABILITY

Ontario to go it alone in fight against crazy bidding wars

Attention hard-pressed home-buyers: Finance Minister Charles Sousa is promising help in his spring budget to make houses and condos more affordable.

Disappointed that last week's federal fiscal blueprint didn't take immediate steps to cool the GTA's overheated market, Sousa said Monday that Ontario will go it alone in the fight against crazy bidding wars, fast-rising prices and rents.

"There is a suite of options, and we want to put a package together that meets that," said Sousa, who would not be specific. He has not yet announced a date for the budget — "it's not complete, yet" — but it is expected within weeks.

Speculation has centred on a foreign-buyers' tax, but Sousa has said any measures must avoid "unintended consequences" that could slow the housing market in areas outside Toronto and Hamilton where home sales aren't as overheated.

The real estate industry has complained there isn't enough new supply of homes coming on the market to keep prices in check, and this has resulted in bidding wars and fierce competition for rental accommodation.

"Demand is high for a number of factors," Sousa said.

"Could be speculators. Could be people from outside the country. It could very well be the many who are now moving into Ontario, creating that demand," he added.

"The degree of supply is in question and how to expedite that is also something we're trying to address."

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Finance Minister Charles Sousa says they are trying to address "the degree of supply and how to expedite that."

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With house prices soaring, Metro is profiling homes on the market that are priced at over $1 million.

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A March 21 photo caption incorrectly described Parkdale tenants protesting the lack of rent control for units built after 1991. The group was protesting rent increases by landlord MetCap Living Management on units built before 1991. We regret the error.

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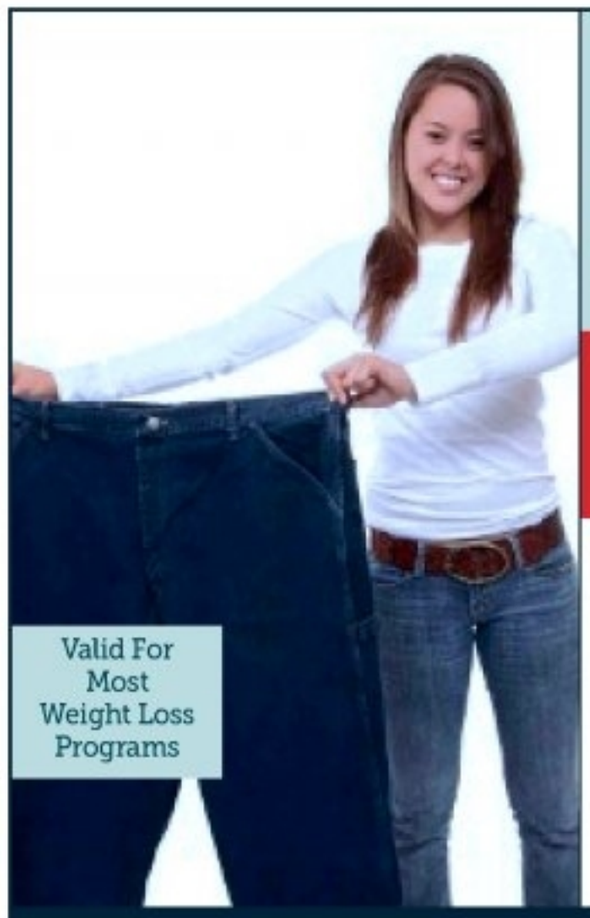

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Missing man's family believe he was lured

OSHAWA

Cameron Bailie left without phone, wallet, car keys, coat

Cameron Bailie disappeared from his Oshawa townhouse on Jan. 10. CONTRIBUTED

More than two months after Cameron Bailie disappeared, his family has said they believe he was lured from his home the day he went missing.

According to Bailie's sister Nicole Gerrard, there are numerous unusual circumstances about how their home was left that suggest he did not leave alone and did not intend to be gone for long.

Bailie's disappearance from his south Oshawa home on Jan. 10 has generated great interest in Durham region — a Cameron Bailie Search Group page on Facebook has almost 5,000 members — but so far there have been few clues as to what happened, or his whereabouts.

The day he disappeared Gerrard said Bailie, 27, visited her at work and was last seen on a surveillance camera arriving at their shared townhouse at 12:15 p.m. Gerrard returned four hours later to find windows and a door open, music on, and exercise equipment out. A workout was part of his routine but it was unlike him to leave things out, she said. Her brother was nowhere to be found.

She found his cellphone, wallet, car, car keys and coats. The only thing she noticed missing were his cigarettes, and curious to Gerrard, there was a set of wet footprints leading up to their front door.

"I personally think somebody came to the door, and Cameron left with them or (went out) via the back door," she said.

An apprentice engineer and father to a four-year-old son, Bailie comes from a close-knit family of five children. He and Gerrard live with their mother Marion, with other siblings and their families minutes away.

Bailie's ex-girlfriend Felecia Barker agreed the circumstances were unusual.

Durham Regional Police said Bailie's disappearance is a missing person investigation, and would confirm few details.

Eight days after Bailie disappeared his shoes were found in separate locations in Lakeview Park.

Bailie and Barker met in 2010 and became a couple the next year with Barker moving into the family home when she became pregnant with their son. They separated in January 2016.

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CANNABIS DAY

Ontario developing marijuana strategy

Ottawa's plan to roll out legalized marijuana on July 1, 2018, will make it Cannabis Day as well as Canada Day.

But next month's federal legislation amending the Criminal Code also means provincial laws need to be changed and a distribution system developed to ensure cannabis sales are restricted to adults.

It is an industry that a Deloitte report last fall estimates could be worth $22.6 billion annually, eclipsing the combined sales of beer, wine, and spirits.

The Ontario government now has bureaucrats from a dozen departments developing the province's marijuana strategy, examining health, road safety, youth and justice issues as well as the fiscal implications.

Premier Kathleen Wynne has said regulating cannabis and limiting access for children and teenagers will be critical as Queen's Park develops its own legislative framework.

Attorney General Yasir Naqvi said Monday the province is "looking at all policy options that will ensure that we have regulated use of cannabis."

But Naqvi emphasized that the provincial government is awaiting the federal legislation — expected the week of April 10 — before determining how recreational weed will be sold in Ontario. "That is going to give us the parameters under which we will be working. We haven't made any decisions about what kind of distribution and retail model we will have," Naqvi said.

The federal task force that studied legalization outlined its vision for distributing marijuana, noting that a well-functioning system "where the chain of custody is well-controlled" would be critical.

It recommended the wholesale distribution of cannabis be regulated by provinces.

A free-for-all system in which anyone could sell marijuana is a non-starter with federal, provincial and municipal officials.

Ontario Finance Minister Charles Sousa signalled Tuesday that many of the pot shops will not be in business once the new regime takes shape after marijuana is legalized.

"They shouldn't be there in the first place because they're illegal," Sousa said.

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Emissions target elusive

ENVIRONMENT CANADA

Report says we are on pace to miss reduction target for 2030

Environment Canada is projecting that, based on policies in place last November, the country was on pace to miss its reduction target for greenhouse gas emissions by 2030, pumping out at least 30 per cent more than promised that year.

The projections, which were compiled in February and published online this month, are not a forecast of how emissions will change in the coming years. The report describes the projections more as an educated guess based on policies in place as of Nov. 1, 2016.

The projections don't factor in technological and regulatory changes after that day, for example, and are "most appropriately viewed as a range of plausible outcomes," the report says.

The biggest development since Nov. 1 is the unveiling of the Pan-Canadian Framework on Clean Growth and Climate Change, a federal-provincial deal to cut emissions that was inked last December.

The Syncrude oilsands plant, north of Fort McMurray, Alta., in 2009. **Environment Canada says oil prices and economic growth are some of the factors that will impact Canada's greenhouse gas emissions.** MARK RALSTON/AFP/GETTY IMAGES FILE

Erin Flanagan, director of federal policy for the Pembina Institute, said the report is nonetheless a "red flag," as it underlines how the government must remain vigilant and committed to cutting emissions that contribute to climate change.

"It is a constant reminder that our job is not done," Flanagan said.

"Politicians have an unhelpful habit of announcing plans and thinking that the announcement means they can transition to other priorities. We need to see constant engagement from the federal government, and from the provinces and territories."

According to the Environment Canada projections based on policies as of Nov. 1, Canada will emit between 697 megatonnes and 790 megatonnes of greenhouse gases in 2030, depending on a range of factors that include oil prices and the rate of economic growth.

> **"It is a constant reminder that our job is not done."**
> Erin Flanagan

Canada's goal under the Liberal government is to cut emissions to 523 megatonnes in 2030 — a reduction of 30 per cent below 2005 levels.

Mélanie Quesnel, a spokesperson for Environment and Climate Change Canada, said in an email Monday that the projections in the report don't include the accelerated phase-out of coal by 2030, which was announced in late November. She said the projections also only feature estimated reductions under existing provincial carbon pricing regimes in B.C., Alberta, Ontario and Quebec.

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GERMANY

Gold coin pinched

A massive gold coin issued by the Royal Canadian Mint has been stolen from a museum in Germany.

Police in Berlin say thieves broke into the German capital's Bode Museum before dawn Monday and made off with the 100-kilogram gold coin worth millions of dollars.

The "Big Maple Leaf" coin.

The "Big Maple Leaf" coin, which is three centimetres thick with a diameter of 53 centimetres, has a portrait of the Queen on one side and maple leaves on the other.

The museum, which has one of the largest coin collections in the world, said on its website that coin has been on loan in its numismatic collection since 2010.

It was issued by the Royal Canadian Mint in 2007 and it is in the Guinness Book of Records for its purity of 999.99/1000 gold.

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FOCUS ON FAMINE **DAY 2: Somalia**

The UN World Food Program warned the situation could mirror the 2011 crisis that killed about 260,000 in the Horn of Africa. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

'Just heartbreaking'

Drought and armed conflict have left much of Somalia grappling with starvation

Gilbert Ngabo
Metro | Toronto

The story still gives Hassan Ibrahim nightmares.

Earlier this year, a woman and her three young children left Somalia's northeastern region of Garoowe, one of the areas hit hardest by the ongoing drought. They walked 10 days to Mogadishu, the capital city where many non-profit organizations have been assisting thousands of Somalis. By the time she reached it, all three of her children had starved to death on the way.

"Just heartbreaking," said Ibrahim, originally from northern Somalia but a resident of Canada for more than 20 years.

"It's very shameful that people are dying of hunger in 2017. There's just too much wealth in the world, and this famine situation could have been easily prevented."

Somalia is one of four countries facing famine, a result of both long drought and the ongoing conflict with terrorist rebels Al Shabab. By the end of last month, more than 250,000 people had left their rural homes to join settlements in urban areas or cross the border into neighbouring countries.

The UN World Food Program, one of many groups providing assistance on the ground, warned the current situation could mirror the 2011 crisis, when a full-blown famine in the Horn of Africa killed about 260,000 people.

Members of the Somali Canadian Task Force on Famine Prevention in Somalia have teamed up with Islamic Relief Canada to raise funds that will help buy food. CONTRIBUTED

Members of the Somali Canadian Task Force on Famine Prevention in Somalia have teamed up with Islamic Relief Canada to raise funds that will help buy food supplies for people affected by famine.

But Ibrahim, 42, fears it could get worse, especially since signs of hunger are now spread all over the country.

"People are losing 500 or 600 heads of camels and sheep and cows," he said, noting the country mostly subsists on the cattle industry. "This is the worst we've seen in our lifetime."

Ibrahim and other Somali Canadians are leading fundraising efforts across the country. Last month, the newly formed Task Force on Famine Prevention in Somalia sent a letter to Justin Trudeau asking him to do more.

"We just want the world to know they can help save lives," he said.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

Somali-Canadians across the country and many other NGOs are leading efforts to assist those affected by famine in Somalia:

- **Somali Canadian Task Force on Famine Prevention in Somalia:** Formed last month as a response to the ongoing famine, the group has raised over $300,000 through Islamic Relief Canada. More info at islamicreliefcanada.org
- **Horn of Africa Development Assistance:** The Ottawa-based non-profit runs development projects in Somalia aimed at fighting poverty and building capacity. To get involved or donate, visit hada.ca

ABOUT THIS SERIES

Metro is chronicling the story through the lens of immigrants from the affected countries, with a focus on how people can get involved.

Monday Vicky Mochama on how Canada can step up its interventions.

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Wednesday Yemen, and the role of war in the ongoing famine.

Thursday The situation in South Sudan, the world's youngest country.

Friday Nigeria, with views from diaspora members and a local expat

BY THE NUMBERS | SOMALIA

1 in 2
Somalia has a population of 12.3 million. Of its entire population, nearly **6.2 million people are food insecure**

363,000
children under five are acutely malnourished

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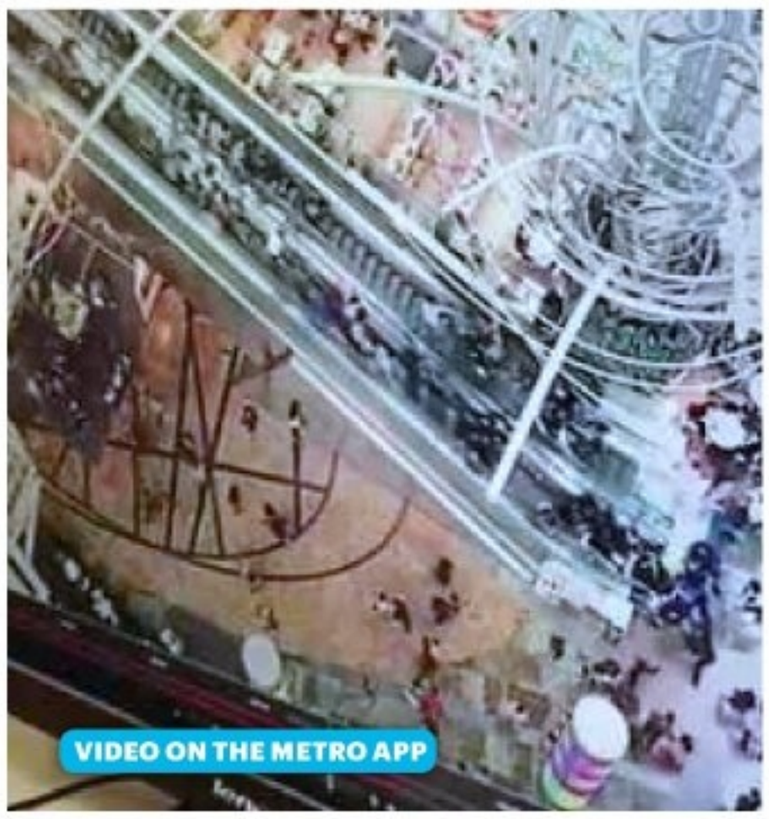

HONG KONG ESCALATOR SENDS PASSENGERS HURTLING
Video footage shot by witnesses showed that an upwards escalator at Mong Kok mall in Hong Kong suddenly reversed and went downward at an obviously higher speed, causing dozens of passengers to lose their balance and tumble down. "It was so sudden that people couldn't respond in time ... more than 10 people piled up near the base of the escalator," shopper Lau Kit-ying told the South China Morning Post. The escalator reportedly passed a safety inspection just last week. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE/SCREENGRAB

AIRLINES

Passengers can wear leggings: United

United Airlines says regular-paying flyers are welcome to wear leggings, even though two teenage girls were barred by a gate agent from boarding a flight from Denver to Minneapolis because of their attire.

An airline spokesman said the girls were travelling under an employee travel pass that includes a dress code. The move sparked online criticism. Comedian Sarah Silverman tweeted she would change her United flight bookings to other airlines for a tour next month because of it.

Chicago-based United sought to clarify its stance in a post on its website late Sunday titled, "To our customers ... your leggings are welcome!" The post says employees are "regularly reminded" about its dress code.
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Man's motive a mystery

LONDON ATTACK

'No evidence' that Khalid Masood had link to Daesh

Police have found no evidence that the man who killed four people in London last week was associated with the Islamic State group or al-Qaida (a.k.a. Daesh), a senior British counterterrorism officer said Monday.

Deputy Assistant Commissioner Neil Basu of the Metropolitan Police said Westminster attacker Khalid Masood clearly had "an interest in jihad," but police have no indication he discussed his attack plans with others.

Basu, who also serves as Britain's senior national co-ordinator for counterterrorism policing, said last Wednesday's attack — in which Masood ran down pedestrians on London's Westminster Bridge before fatally stabbing a policeman guarding Parliament — "appears to be based on low-sophistication, low-tech, low-cost techniques copied from other attacks."

Masood, 52, was shot dead by police after his deadly rampage, which police have revealed lasted just 82 seconds.

Police believe Masood — a Briton with convictions for violence who had spent several years in Saudi Arabia — acted alone, but are trying to determine whether others helped inspire or direct his actions.

Detectives on Monday continued to question a 30-year-old man arrested Sunday and a 58-year-old man arrested shortly after Wednesday's attack.

Both were detained in the central England city of Birmingham, where Masood had recently lived.
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A whole solution in half a house

Forget giving it 110 per cent — when it comes to affordable housing, 50 per cent gets the job done. Build half a house. That's Chilean architect Alejandro Aravena's plan to tackle the global housing shortage. Dubbed 'incrementality,' the plan has earned Aravena international acclaim. **Metro asked Michael McClelland, founding partner of ERA Architects, how it could happen here.**

ELEMENTAL

1 Guidance required Half-houses already built in Mexico and Chile feature a full frame and a line down the middle. One half is a fully functioning home. The other is empty space the new owners can fill as they wish. The design cuts costs and creates pride of ownership for residents.

2 The right tenant Nothing inherent in the plan would stop Canadians from trying it, said McClelland, but it could be more suitable for particular tenants. He envisions affordable live-work spaces, with housing completed by pros and the workspace handed over to artists.

3 Location, location, location Plunking a subdivision of half-houses into dense urban areas isn't likely, said McClelland, but large areas slated for development are an ideal canvas.

4 After the War Amateur house-building kits were popular after the Second World War, when housing needed to go up fast. To that end, Aravena's firm released drawings for four of its low-cost designs for free download by others wanting to emulate the project.

5 Now's the time The federal budget released last week included $11.2 billion for housing initiatives over 11 years. That means it's the perfect time to start dreaming up big, bold ideas, McClelland said.

WORD ON THE STREET by David Hains

Five simple steps to build a happy city

Charles Montgomery
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For urbanist author Charles Montgomery, the overriding goal of city planning is clear: Make people happy.

Montgomery, the author of the 2013 book Happy City, had this revelation when he learned about Enrique Penalosa, the former mayor of Bogotá, Colombia, who dedicated himself not to increasing the Colombian capital's GDP or reducing crime, but to increase residents' happiness.

Earlier this month, Canada ranked seventh of 154 countries on the UN's World Happiness Report: Not bad, but still our lowest score ever. Canadian cities could be happier. We asked Montgomery how.

Experiment

Montgomery said cities should try new ideas and measure what works. "The city is a laboratory," he said.

Understand what makes happiness

Some of the metrics behind happiness, like GDP per capita and life expectancy, are predictable. But others aren't as obvious, including generosity, trust and the freedom to make life choices. Montgomery said these elements are critical to building a happy city, and the greatest contributor to unhappiness is low social trust.

People want to live in happy cities

If you ask people where they would like to live, there's a good chance they'll describe a happy city, where there's the freedom to walk to work or shopping, and spaces to interact with neighbours and be close to nature.

Authentic spaces

Montgomery said the best public spaces for happiness are non-corporate and comforting. He cites a Portland, Ore. neighbourhood that transformed an intersection into a public piazza. "There was a blast radius of happiness around there," he said.

Power to the people

In order to enable more of these happy spaces, Montgomery said people should feel empowered to shape their city. "Most of us never get a chance to co-create our lives in cities," he observed. But we'd be happier if we did.

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The week in urbanism

GODZILLA VS. CARS
An urban designer slash comic-maker is highlighting the perils of being a pedestrian in Delhi (where 17 people die in traffic accidents every hour). In one of his short animations, people tower over the city, flicking away cars.

BEING JANE JACOBS
Have you ever wanted to take down the Godzilla of urban planning, New York's highway-loving Robert Moses? With the free mapping tool Un-Moses, you can. Built by Jeff Sisson, the tool removes urban highways from your city of choice to reveal all the opportunities that lie beneath.

URBAN DICTIONARY

DEFINITION
Placemaking has become increasingly popular since the 1960s, and refers to a process and philosophy for making good public spaces. It's all about "strengthening the connection between people and the places they share," according to Cities for People.

USE IT IN A SENTENCE
When the public square was re-purposed for a concert and public art done by kids, it was **placemaking** in action.

CITY CHAMP
Vancouver-based **Melissa Bruntlett** and her partner sold their family car in 2010 and soon after launched Modacity, a website and consulting firm promoting cycling, walking and public transit. She also pens a #WomenInUrbanism series.
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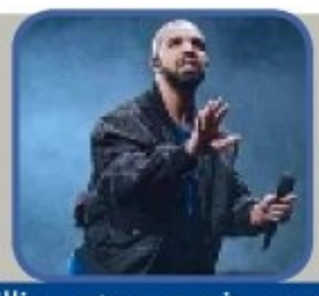

Drake's More Life breaks record with 385 million streams in one week

A taste of Indigenous culture

FOOD

Chefs aim to raise awareness of traditional native foods

Tina Ottereyes manages Tea-N-Bannock, where the menu reflects different First Nations groups. A sample of a meal shared on Instagram: soup, bannock and wild salad (top right). Another eatery, NishDish, serves Anishinaabe cuisine such as gluten-free corn cake with blueberry coulis (below right). RANK GUNN/THE CANADIAN PRESS; INSTAGRAM

Canadian cuisine might include a mix of culinary traditions, but the food of one of the country's founding groups is largely missing. An emerging group of indigenous chefs and restaurateurs hope to change that.

Rich Francis, chef-owner of Seventh Fire Hospitality Group in Saskatoon, says he's "cooking for reconciliation" as he specializes in his interpretation of modern indigenous cuisine.

"Everything that's been taught in school is through a colonial lens. It's not our story. It's colonial books, so now I'm stepping into a time where we are telling our own stories through our own lens and our own vision."

Francis, a member of the Tetlit Gwich'in and Tuscarora Nation and originally from Fort McPherson, N.W.T., was a finalist on Top Chef Canada and is opening a restaurant this summer.

Meanwhile, he's catering and conducting events like a recent Cooking for Reconciliation dinner series in Vancouver, where he focused on local indigenous foods such as halibut, razor clams, and stone fruits.

Lenore Newman, a B.C. professor with a Canada Research Chair in food security and environment, says the country is seeing a resurgence in indigenous food "and a very timely one that needs to happen."

"I think there is still serious reparation to be made, though."

During work for her recent book, Speaking in Cod Tongues: A Canadian Culinary Journey, Newman learned of indigenous groups' huge role in helping early settlers survive.

"Then you enter this horrible period where indigenous cuisine was actively destroyed and used as a weapon. The biggest example is the clearing of the bison and how that was basically a genocide," says Newman.

"Out here on the West Coast the potlatch was banned. In residential schools, people were taken away from their indigenous foods. They were prevented from using them or talking about them.

"We have a lot of reckoning to do and some of that is culinary. And so what that meant was for a very long time you didn't hear about indigenous cuisine except very peripherally as kind of exotic."

Tina Ottereyes, who manages Tea-N-Bannock, agrees First Nations food is "very underrepresented" in Canada's restaurant sphere and is happy more eateries are opening.

> **You won't find any of this stuff in history books or cookbooks.**
> Rich Francis

"We're starting to share more of our culture and more of our food," says Ottereyes, from Wemindji Cree First Nation on James Bay in Quebec.

"When I grew up we hunted and we trapped and we fished. That was my culture, that was the food that I ate.... Each tribe has a different diet according to their area."

The menu at Tea-N-Bannock reflects traditional dishes from different tribes.

Hominy corn grown by a local farmer is the base for their Ojibwa corn soup, made through a labour-intensive process, while wild rice comes from First Nations people in northwestern Ontario.

Though meats like elk and bison are prepared traditionally, they are farmed, not wild, because the product must be certified and inspected.

Francis says there should be some leniency when it comes to wild food.

"The regulations put in place by the government don't allow us to fully express ourselves," he explained.

Elsewhere in Toronto, NishDish, a cafe focused on Anishinaabe recipes, was slated to open this month in Toronto.

A smattering of colleges also offer indigenous culinary courses.

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JOHANNA SCHNELLER WHAT I'M WATCHING

Final Girls season is brilliant

THE SHOW: Girls, Season 6, Episode 4 (HBO)
THE MOMENT: Desi's rehab

Marni's (Allison Williams) narcissism is on full display in the final season of Girls. CONTRIBUTED

Desi (Ebon Moss-Bachrach), a musician, is in rehab. With a facilitator present, he confronts his ex-wife, Marnie (Allison Williams). "I've been thinking," Desi begins. He coughs. "Can I have some water?" Slowly, he pours water into a glass. More slowly, he drinks. With the glass half empty, he pauses. He drinks again.

Finally, he speaks. He tells her she made everything worse, and then when he was struggling, she walked away.

"I shut down?" she protests. "I gave up? Do you have any idea how hard this has been for me? I have bruises all over my body from the two-hour massages that I need to deal with the stress of your addiction."

I have loved this series from the beginning, but this final season is b.r.i.l.l.i.a.n.t. Creator Lena Dunham, her writers, cast and crew are killing it in every direction, pushing each moment to its limit.

The criticism that's been levelled repeatedly at this show is that the characters are self-involved — as if Dunham's unaware of that; as if she's not deliberately parsing that behaviour. With this episode, she's throwing down: You think they're narcissists? I'll show you narcissism.

Just watch what Williams does with her body as Desi pours that water. Marnie simultaneously writhes with impatience yet believes that she's being supremely controlled and mature. She's feigning open-mindedness but is clearly just waiting for noises to stop coming out of Desi's mouth so it can be her turn to speak. He's every bit as magnificently monstrous. It's narcissism as pure comedic gold.

Johanna Schneller is a media connoisseur who zeroes in on pop-culture moments. She appears Monday through Thursday.

OSCAR WINNER

Jenkins turns to TV

Moonlight director Barry Jenkins will follow his Oscar-winning film with an Amazon drama series based on Colson Whitehead's The Underground Railroad.

Amazon announced Monday it will develop the TV series, with Jenkins writing and directing the adaptation of the 2016 National Book Award winner.

"It's a groundbreaking work that pays respect to our nation's history while using the form to explore it in a thoughtful and original way," said Jenkins.

Jenkins has already been at work on the series, which he is to write and direct.

Moonlight, which last month won best picture, was Jenkins' second film following 2008's well-regarded but little-seen Medicine for Melancholy.

The Underground Railroad will reunite much of the team behind Moonlight, as it will also be produced by Adele Romanski and Brad Pitt's Plan B.

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Intelligent is the new sexy for daters

ONLINE DATING

Self-identifying as sapiosexual is the latest way to stand out

"Sapiosexual", the new term sweeping online dating sites, recognizes the subjective attraction of intelligence. ISTOCK

According to his Tinder profile, Liam Nelson, 26, likes good music and good food. He dislikes bad music and bad food. He also considers himself sapiosexual.

To Nelson, who is straight and works as a recruiter in Toronto, this means not necessarily a woman's IQ but her emotional maturity and open-mindedness. He knows it's entirely subjective.

"It's no different from saying: 'I'm attracted to brunettes.' It's not some sort of strict rule. It's what we know about ourselves in terms of what tends to push our buttons in order to feel attraction," Nelson says.

"Sapiosexual" refers to those "sexually attracted to highly-intelligent people," according to Merriam-Webster. Derived from the Latin for wise, sapiosexuality is technically genderless.

While the concept isn't new, the term has become a common declaration on dating apps.

Because it's 2017, there is, of course, an app for this. Newly-launched Sapio, designed for those "sick of superficial hookup apps," claims to have 50,000 new users in the last month.

"Sapiosexual" was defined as early as 2004 on Urban Dictionary as "one who finds intelligence the most sexually attractive feature."

The definition has been updated several times in the last few years to take on a more cynical tone appropriate for the digital age. From 2016: "For many, defining oneself as sapiosexual is also a statement against the current status quo of hookup culture and superficiality, where looks are prized above all else."

Some critics say sapiosexuality is ableist and possibly discriminatory, as intelligence comes in many forms.

"The saying 'smart is sexy' is problematic because you're insinuating (probably subconsciously) that those who aren't 'traditionally' smart are less attractive," wrote one commenter on a Facebook thread. The website Bustle called sapiosexuality "the worst dating trend" because it seems exclusionary.

Lindsay Gonder, 33, says she always swipes left on — ignores — self-proclaimed sapiosexuals. She doesn't like what the label implies: the pressure to perform "being smart" in order to appear attractive to someone else.

She also rejects the idea that intelligence and sex are mutually exclusive. "I can be intelligent and just want to hook up, and it's my decision," Gonder says.

Intelligence is an increasingly desirable trait in a partner, according to what's known as the American mate selection survey.

The most recent analysis, published in 2015 in the Journal of Family Issues, found men ranked "education and intelligence" fourth, up from 11th in 1939. Women ranked intelligence fifth, up from ninth 80 years ago. (Both sexes rank mutual love and attraction first.)

"There's no blanket, universal definition of intelligence," says Florida-based Sapio co-founder Kristin Tynski says.

And self-described sapiosexuals told us the attraction was less about having an advanced degree than someone's perspective or curiosity about the world.

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SUBJECTIVE

- Some individuals are attracted to social or emotional intelligence; others to intelligence based on education or intellect, says Sapio co-founder Kristin Tynski.
- Sapio users are encouraged to answer questions such as "What is the purpose of life?" or "What would your parents be most surprised to learn about you?" Users then search for response-based matches.

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A springboard into the work world for young adults

Career Launch program now template for other companies to develop strong internship programs for people under 24

RBC's Career Launch program helps new grads under 24 (such as Karolina Kopylec, centre) quickly build their resume via yearlong, paid internships. CONTRIBUTED

At 23, Karolina Kopylec was struggling to find her feet in the work world. A recent criminology grad from the University of Ottawa, she was working two jobs — one in sales at a gym and the other as a server at night.

"I wasn't sure I wanted to pursue a career in criminology," she says, admitting she chose her major at 16, largely because "at the time I was watching CSI."

Yet, she had no credentials or work experience in other fields. "I felt a little stuck," she says. "Everyone wants three to five years' experience, but how do you get that if you don't have the background?"

That's when Kopylec stumbled on RBC's Career Launch program for college and university grads struggling to make the transition from school to practical, hands-on experience.

"The world of work has changed," says Madeleine Barker, director, development programs at RBC. "Things are moving faster and employers expect new employees to get up and running quickly." And yet, she says, skills learned through post-secondary education often don't easily translate without additional support or mentoring in the work world.

RBC's Career Launch attempts to remedy that through a yearlong paid internship for 100, under 24-year-old, post-secondary grads from across Canada. The bank gets about 1,500 applicants yearly from backgrounds as diverse as accounting and kinesiology. It whittles the numbers down via a lottery.

For Kopylec, who now has a permanent position at RBC, the internship was life changing. "I'm a completely different person from when I started," she says. "I gained confidence and got pushed beyond my comfort zone. But I felt supported in that."

Career Launch is part of RBC Future Launch, Canada's largest corporate commitment to helping prepare young people for the future of work. RBC Future Launch will invite new ways of thinking, working with a wide range of partners and experts to provide equitable access to opportunities and solutions in the world of work for today and into the future.

"But we don't have all answers and we can't do this alone," says Barker.

Hence RBC's most recent initiative: the Launching Careers Playbook. "Heading into our fourth year of the program, we've learned a lot," says Barker. "We want to inspire and enable other employers — from large organizations to small businesses — to offer internships of their own."

Launching Careers Playbook incorporates "everything we've learned through Career Launch" in an online toolbox aimed at helping employers provide a great early-career experience for young adults. Employers can access info on managing and designing successful internship programs, as well as coaching and mentoring young adults.

That's important, says Barker, because ultimately, everyone benefits when young adults are able to unlock their potential.

To learn more, visit rbc.com/futurelaunch.

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"We're still enjoying it every day": Scott Moir who, along with Tessa Virtue, will look to win a third world ice dance title this week in Helsinki

Hockey's next frontier

NHL

NBA serves as a model in expanding a sport in China

When Andong Song started playing hockey in China at age 6, he wore figure skates on his feet and had to use the straight parts of short-track speedskating rinks for practice.

His father brought back equipment from his travels one piece at a time, and his family moved to Canada a few years later so he could pursue a career in the sport. Song, the first Chinese player selected in the NHL draft, envisions a day when that sort of cross-global exodus is no longer necessary for kids growing up in China.

That could be coming soon with the NHL looking at China as hockey's next great frontier. With the 2022 Winter Olympics in Beijing, China is eager to step up its game and the league is intrigued by the potential of a new non-traditional market with 1.4 billion people that might take to hockey like it did basketball.

"It's a place that hasn't had that much of an opportunity to be introduced to what everybody acknowledges is a great game," commissioner Gary Bettman said. "Because of the size of the market and the fact that lots of sports haven't been developed there, it's a good opportunity to expand the sport even further."

This week, Bettman is expected to announce NHL preseason games in China between the Los Angeles Kings and Vancouver Canucks, along with grassroots programs to build a hockey foundation where the NBA has laid one for decades. It's the first big step toward the NHL making inroads in China, whether or not players participate in the 2018 Olympics in neighbouring South Korea.

NHL Players' Association executive director Don Fehr said showcasing the NHL, running clinics and getting more broadcast coverage all figure into the long-term strategy. Even though Russia's expansive Kontinental Hockey League now has a team based in Beijing, NHL exhibition games — and potentially regular-season games as early as fall 2018 — will have a bigger impact.

"Even with the KHL there, they know it's not the best league," said Song, a Beijing native and sixth-round pick of the New York Islanders in 2015 who now plays for the Madison Capitols of the United States Hockey League. "They know it's not the NHL."

According to the International Ice Hockey Federation, China only has 1,101 registered players and 154 indoor rinks. Despite having a quarter of China's population, the U.S. has 543,239 players and 1,800 indoor rinks.

By October, 14 different NBA teams will have played 24 preseason games in greater China since 2004, so the NHL has some catching up to do. The Boston Bruins sent an envoy on a Chinese tour last summer that included players Matt Beleskey and David Pastrnak, and Washington Capitals owner Ted Leonsis recently said his team could be next after hosting youth players from China in January.

"There will be about 200 new rinks being built in China and we would expect China being a very, very formidable force in the Olympics," said Leonsis, who called China the next great hockey market. "And also we'll see that China will be producing players and I would expect that we'll have NHL players that were born and trained, just like we've seen in the NBA, and China will be able to bring players here."

The NBA gained popularity in China in part due to Yao Ming, the first pick in the 2002 draft. The NHL is going into China hoping to develop homegrown stars. Chinese broadcaster and producer Longmou Li, who has worked the Stanley Cup Final and helped families move to North America for hockey, said 500 to 600 new families are joining the Beijing Hockey Association each year, which could mean churning out an NHL first-round pick every five to six years.

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Players vie for the puck beneath a Chinese flag during a youth hockey tournament in Beijing in February. MARK SCHIEFELBEIN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

> **Because hockey is just so passionate a game, is so fast a game, it's so easy to get people to get involved.**
> Chinese broadcaster and producer Longmou Li

Andersen injury 'tough to predict'

Curtis McElhinney has been around the NHL for almost a decade, but he couldn't recall a single start that carried the implications of the one which lays ahead of him and the Toronto Maple Leafs.

The 33-year-old will start Tuesday night when the Leafs host the Florida Panthers as No. 1 Frederik Andersen is sidelined at least one game with a mysterious upper body injury.

Frederik Andersen GETTY IMAGES

Andersen had to exit a Saturday loss in Buffalo after just a period, returning to take part briefly in practice on Monday morning.

The team listed him as day-to-day with further evaluation ahead of Tuesday.

"We don't know," Andersen said of a timeline of his return. "It's tough to predict, but we're taking it slow. Felt pretty good today, but I'm taking it one day at a time."

With eight games left over the final 13 days of the regular season, beginning against the Panthers, the Leafs don't have much time to delay with the injury.

Neither the team nor Andersen would pinpoint exactly what the ailment was, only that he was "bumped" early in the 5-2 loss to the Sabres and felt "a little bit off" afterward. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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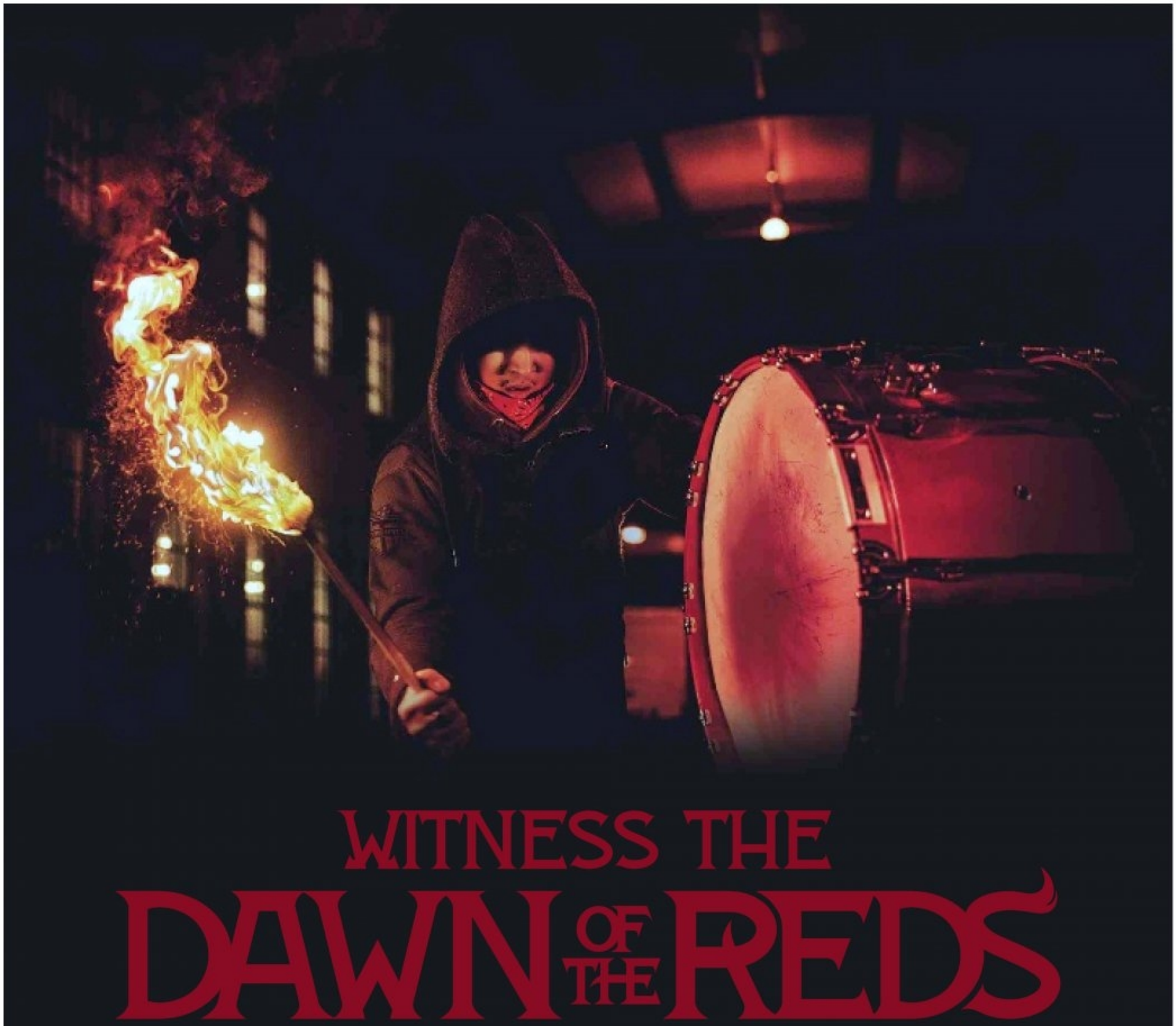

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Top: Jonas Valanciunas hugs former teammate Terrence Ross on Monday. Bottom: DeMar DeRozan drives past Ross on his way to a 36-point night. RICK MADONIK/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Back to reality

NBA

Former Magic friends fail to cast spell on rolling Raptors

DeMar DeRozan scored 36 points to lead the Toronto Raptors in a 131-112 rout of the Orlando Magic on Monday night.

Cory Joseph had a double-double with 15 points and a career-high 13 assists as Toronto (45-29) won its sixth straight.

Norman Powell's shooting was lethal for the Raptors, getting 16 points including four three-pointers. Jonas Valanciunas pulled down nine rebounds to go with 17 points and Serge Ibaka scored 16 points and grabbed seven rebounds in his first game against his former team.

MONDAY At ACC

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DeRozan was named the Eastern Conference player of the week earlier Monday after averaging 33.3 points, .488 field goal percentage and 5.7 assists over the past three games, all wins for Toronto.

It was a rude homecoming for guard Terrence Ross, who had 17 points for Orlando (27-47). Elfrid Payton led the Magic with 22 points and nine assists.

Ross was drafted by the Raptors eighth overall in 2012 and tied Vince Carter's franchise record for scoring in a game with 51 points against the Los Angeles Clippers on Jan. 25, 2014. He was traded to the Magic on Feb. 14 with a 2017 first-round pick in exchange for Ibaka.

During team introductions Ross got a round of cheers from the sell-out crowd of 19,800 at Air Canada Centre. The applause slowly turned to boos, however, as Ross led the Magic to an early 7-0 lead with a three-pointer and a field goal.

Ross also received a standing ovation after a video package of his time in Toronto was played during the first TV timeout. The tribute included some of his biggest slam dunks, including his performance that won the NBA's Slam Dunk Competition in 2012.

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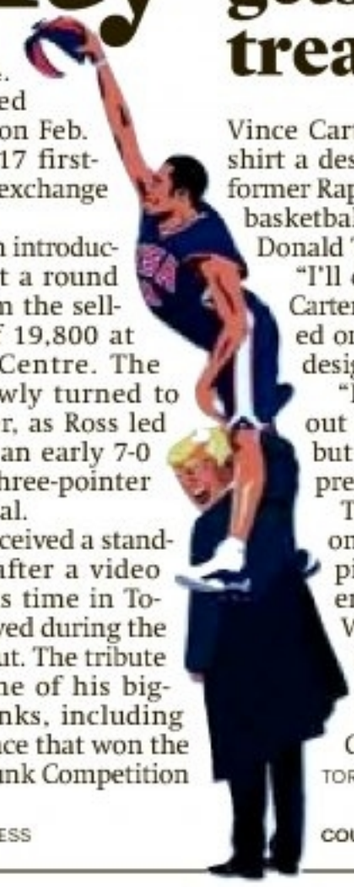
Donald gets V.C. treatment



Vince Carter is a fan of a T-shirt a designer made of the former Raptors star dunking a basketball over a grimacing Donald Trump.

"I'll definitely wear it," Carter said in a video posted on Twitter by T-shirt designer Dan Carson.

"It'll probably bring out some controversy, but it's all worth it. Appreciate it."

The shirt's modelled on Carter's jaw-dropping dunk over seven-foot-two Frederic Weis of France en route to Olympic gold for the U.S. at the 2000 Sydney Games.

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MLB

Jays leave Buffalo decision to Latos

The Jays have parted ways — at least from the major-league squad — with right handed starter Mat Latos, Jays manager John Gibbons said Monday afternoon.

Just prior to the Jays' night game against Philadelphia in Dunedin, Fla., Monday, the team received confirmation from Latos that he would remain with the organization (and apparently report to Buffalo).

Latos has been told he won't make the Jays opening-day roster, which means he can either accept an assignment to class AAA Buffalo, or pursue other options.

Mat Latos GETTY IMAGES

"Yes, it's his decision whether he wants to go to Buffalo," Gibbons said.

"We'd love him to go to Buffalo (for pitching depth)."

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IN BRIEF

U.S. senate weighs in on women's hockey wages

Pressure is mounting on USA Hockey in its wage dispute with the women's national team.

On Monday, 16 U.S. senators wrote a letter to executive director Dave Ogrean, urging him to resolve the matter.

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Hockey kids will learn on smaller ice surfaces

Hockey Canada says it will make it mandatory that children getting their first introduction to the game play on reduced-size ice surfaces instead of full-sized rinks.

The organization has been recommending half-ice, or cross-ice, for its initiation programs for five and six-year-olds for over three decades. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Bekker noted for big goal

Oakville's Kyle Bekker has been named player of the week in the NASL after scoring the first goal in the San Francisco Deltas' history.

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SNOWBOARDING

McMorris suffers multiple injuries

An accident on a jump "well within his skill level" in British Columbia's backcountry has left Canadian snowboarding star Mark McMorris with serious injuries.

A medal favourite at next year's Winter Olympics in Pyeongchang, South Korea, McMorris is recovering in a Vancouver hospital from a broken jaw, broken left arm, ruptured spleen, stable pelvic fracture, rib fractures and a collapsed left lung. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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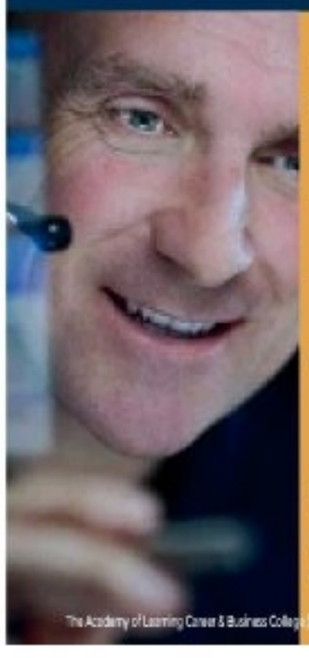

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Prep time: 10 minutes
Cook time: 50 minutes
Serves 4

Ingredients
- 5 cups butternut squash, peeled and cubed
- 1/2 tsp cumin
- 1/2 tsp cinnamon
- 1 tsp chili powder
- pinch of salt and pepper
- 1 Tbsp olive oil
- 1 x 14 oz can black beans, rinsed
- 2 cups grated cheddar cheese
- big handful of cilantro, chopped
- 8 tortillas

Directions

1. Preheat the oven to 350 degrees. In a large bowl, toss squash with spices and olive oil until well coated.

2. Spread evenly on baking sheet and place in oven for 20 minutes.

3. Remove from oven and add beans to baking sheet. Give everything a stir and again, spread evenly on the sheet. Place back in oven for 20 minutes.

4. Drizzle a bit of oil in skillet over medium heat. Place a tortilla down and spread 1/4 of the squash and bean mixture to the edge of the tortilla. Sprinkle 1/2 cup of grated cheese and then a bit of cilantro. Top with another tortilla. Place a plate on top and press down firmly. Cook about five minutes until tortilla is golden and cheese is beginning to melt. Carefully flip quesadilla over and cook another five minutes on the other side. Repeat with the rest of your tortillas and squash.

5. Cut cooked quesadilla into quarters and serve with guacamole, sour cream and salsa.

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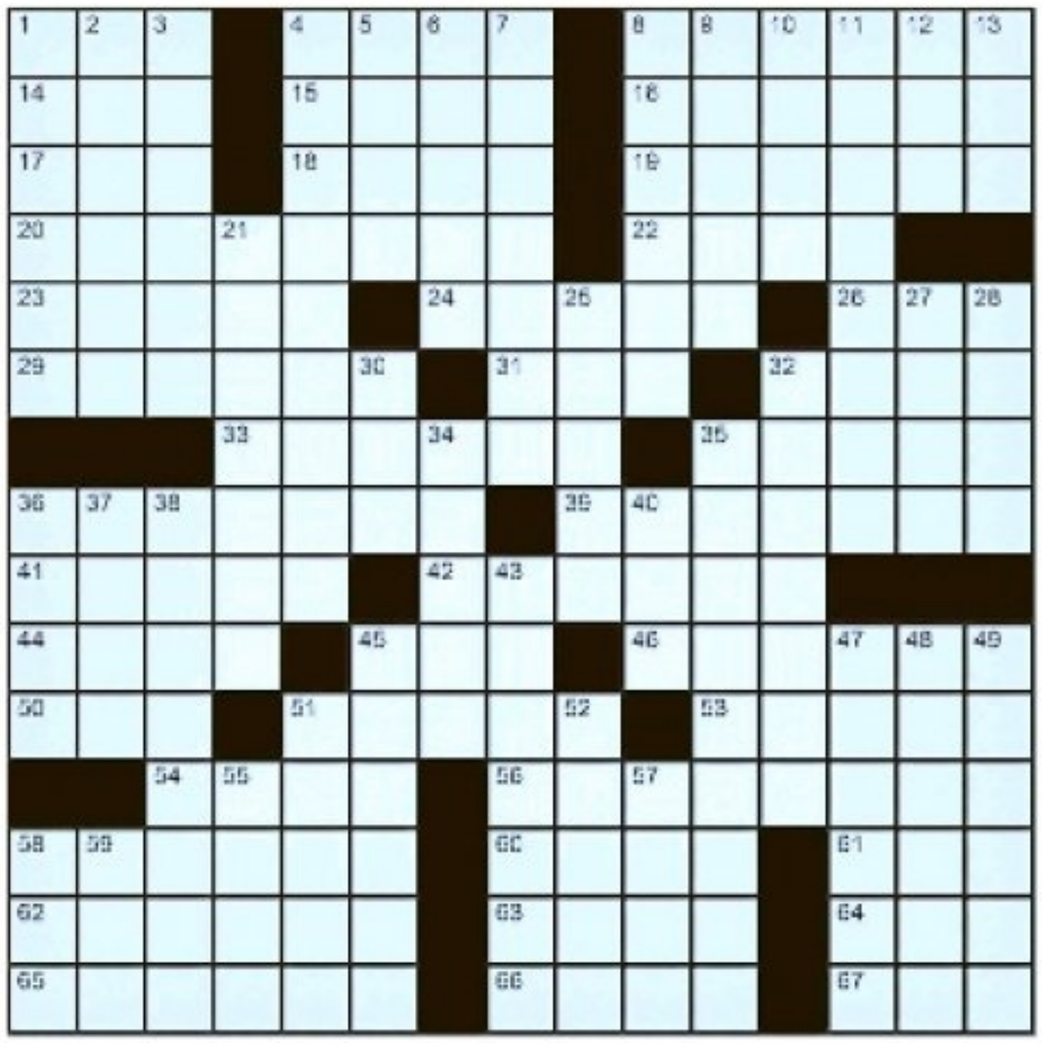

ACROSS
1. "The _ Diary" (2011)
4. Montreal Canadiens, to fans
8. Talkative
14. With _ '_' (How #49-Down's answer begins)
15. Not well-y
16. British actor Hugh of "House"
17. Canuck financial inst.
18. Bob _ (Former anchor on "Entertainment Tonight")
19. Broken, as promises
20. Alberta: Paddle River town northwest of Edmonton
22. Raised flatland
23. Nonpareil
24. Unstable, like a boat in rough waters
26. Dance style
29. Named/designated
31. Weep
32. Canadian contractor Mr. Holmes
33. "That very well may be...": 2 wds.
35. Group ruled by Odin
36. Ohio, The _ State
39. Component
41. "I'm with You" singer Ms. Lavigne
42. From Sea to Sea: 'A Mari Usque _ _' (Canada's motto)
44. No, in Germany
45. Grand _ (Wine classification)
46. Boss, head _
50. Suffix with 'Euclid'
51. Wine holders
53. Fender guitar, familiarly
54. "Star Trek II: The Wrath of _" (1982)
56. Northeastern Alberta town: 2 wds.
58. Soundless
60. Mike's "Wayne's World" (1992) co-star
61. Handheld mobile device [acronym]
62. Exaggerate
63. 'Hypn' suffix
64. "I-i-c-k-y!"
65. Professor's preparation
66. Distribute the divisions
67. Gr. that kidnapped Patty Hearst

DOWN
1. Bunny
2. Not yet fabricated
3. Pier anchorer
4. 'Gateway to the South' town in northern Alberta: 2 wds.
5. Soother-of-skin succulent
6. Lamb's utterance
7. Representatives, such as in business transactions
8. Like handfuls of soil
9. Mr. _ (Schemer on classic sitcom "Green Acres")
10. Diving birds
11. Scholar's essay
12. Pencil part
13. Nevertheless
21. Baking/serving bowl
25. Preamble
27. Similar
28. 2in1 hair care brand
30. Susan of "L.A. Law"
32. Movie of 2000 for Australian actor Guy Pearce in which Vancouver-born actress Carrie-Anne Moss also starred
34. Approaches
35. Division of Canadian firm Bombardier Inc
36. Scourge
37. Iris's place
38. Sounds like walked-upon dry fallen leaves
40. "Well, _-di-dah."
43. Cambridge, for Prince William
45. Uri, for William Tell
47. "Sheesh!"
48. Baroque composer of the oratorio Messiah
49. ByWard Market city
51. _-_ attitude (Positive person's asset)
52. Writing tablet
55. His 'n' _
57. Work with needles and yarn
58. Pine-_ (Cleansing product)
59. "You're All _ Got Tonight" by The Cars

IT'S ALL IN THE STARS Your daily horoscope by Francis Drake

Aries March 21 - April 20
Put a lid on things today, because it's easy to get out of control since you are more emotional than usual. In fact, you are intense and a bit over the top! Easy does it.

Taurus April 21 - May 21
Today you might do a slow boil about something behind the scenes, because you are quietly annoyed. The problem is that you cannot speak up. This is always frustrating.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
Be patient with a friend today, or with someone who is a member of a group to which you belong. There's no point in fighting with someone. What's the upside?

Cancer June 22 - July 23
You are high-viz today and extremely focused on something related to bosses, parents or some kind of authority figure. Don't get carried away.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
Avoid subjects like politics, religion and racial issues today, because these are too touchy. Your response to others will be too emotional.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
Disputes about shared property, inheritances, wills and insurance issues might arise today. If so, you will have strong feelings about something. Just remember your objectives.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
You will have to go more than halfway to get along with others today. Just accept this and be cooperative. Make your life easier.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
Avoid arguments with co-workers today, because people are opinionated and pushy. Save your bright suggestions for another day. You'll be glad you did.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
Parents might be challenged by hissy fits and meltdowns from their kids today. Be patient and loving. Likewise, romantic partners will have to be easygoing in order to avoid fights.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Your desire to make some improvements at home could be met with resistance. Don't be too pushy. In time, you will get your way. If you push too hard today, you only will increase opposition.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
Today you are more emotional than usual, especially during your discussions with siblings and relatives. Try not to let your feelings get in the way of your common sense.

Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
If shopping today, you will be obsessed with buying something: "I have to have it!" Be careful. Don't do anything you will regret later.

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